

## Faye Tomlinson

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**From:** Paul.Bartlett@ [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 February 2025 10:25  
**To:** Faye Tomlinson  
**Subject:** Fw: Chart Road  
**Attachments:** A28, Chart Rd, Ashford 3yr PIC Plot.pdf; A28, Chart Rd, Ashford 3yr PIC D Report.pdf; A28, Chart Rd, Ashford 3yr PIC Exl.xls

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Kind regards

Paul

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**From:** Kieran Doble - GT TRA <Kieran.Doble@ [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 20 February 2025 10:21  
**To:** Paul Bartlett - MEM <Paul.Bartlett@ [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: Chart Road

Hi Paul,

Please find reports attached from our Casualty Data Team and a bit of information in their email below. Just to clarify, the way they pull this data means that included in this list are a few collisions that didn't occur on the A28, but the map shows the locations, and the list also details the locations.

I hope this helps.

Many Thanks,

**Kieran Doble**

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**From:** Crash Data Team - GT <crashdata@[REDACTED]kent.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 20 February 2025 10:10

**To:** Kieran Doble - GT TRA <Kieran.Doble@[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: Chart Road

Hi Kieran

Please find attached PIC data for a 3yr period as requested - we don't hold damage only. I've amalgamated all 3 plot sites from the emails below into one on the CAD plot as they were all in close proximity on the A28. The information shown on the attached D-print Crash Reports originates from data collected by the Police when an injury road collision is reported to them. Please note that this information is susceptible to change whilst the Police carry out further investigations and should not be taken as an indicator of the cause of a crash.

For your information, the County is served by three Highway Authorities: Kent County Council (KCC); Highways England and Medway Council. Kent Police collects over 60 pieces of statistical data for each injury crash for the whole county. Crashes are categorised by severity:

**Fatal** - a crash resulting in a death

**Serious** - detention in hospital, includes paralysis, fractures and severe lacerations

**Slight** - includes whiplash, sprains and minor lacerations

Human error is a factor in 95% of road crashes. Based on the Department for Transport's (DfT) figures the cost to the community of a fatal crash is around £1.9 million, a serious crash costs in the region of £216,000 and a slight crash costs £23,000. For more information about crash and casualty figures please visit our website at [www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/crash-and-casualty-data](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/crash-and-casualty-data). KCC Highways, Transportation and Waste welcome feedback from our customers and we have designed our fault reporting tool so that you can quickly and easily let us know about any problems on the roads and footways or about any of our equipment such as streetlights that may not be working. You can do this by visiting [www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults). From here you can see all known issues, view any planned works, report multiple issues, upload photos as well as track any existing enquiries.

I trust the information is satisfactory and should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

**Karen Marsh**

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**Sent:** 19 February 2025 15:37

**To:** Crash Data Team - GT <[crashdata@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:crashdata@[REDACTED])>

**Cc:** Paul Bartlett - MEM <[Paul.Bartlett@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:Paul.Bartlett@[REDACTED])>

**Subject:** FW: Chart Road

Hi Crash Data,

Could you please help with the request below? I supplied the county member with some basic information regarding collisions here, but there has been a request to see the data. Are you able to provide a report?

Many Thanks,

**Kieran Doble**

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**From:** Paul Bartlett - MEM <[Paul.Bartlett@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Bartlett@kent.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 19 February 2025 14:18

**To:** Kieran Doble - GT TRA <[Kieran.Doble@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Kieran.Doble@kent.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** Faye Tomlinson <[Faye.Tomlinson@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Faye.Tomlinson@kent.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Chart Road

Kieran,

The applicant has asked to see the data I used for my speech today (text below). If you agree, I have added in Faye and ask that she forward on to the Planning Inspectorate.

Kind regards

Paul

*I will speak about the recent injury record on the section of the A28 including and between the Tank and Matalan roundabouts. In total there have been 5 damage only, 18 injury collisions, including one serious injury. There seems to be a common theme of rear end shunts and vehicles not giving way to motorcyclists and cyclists. The 4 damage only are regretful but I wanted to draw to your attention the number of injuries, particularly to pedestrians and cyclists – 19 in total, one every 10 weeks, I don't need to explain to you the impact on those injured, I know that we can take it as read but they can have serious repercussions on quality of life and the ability of those effected to enjoy their lives and work for a living.*

*I am a regular cycle user the area, cycling along and across Chart Road from my home to Godinton and Repton to discharge my duties as the County Councillor for the area. The data I will use covers the three years to 30th September 2024.*

*Before turning to the injuries, I did just want to touch on the damage only incidences. Most were vehicles (HGVs in half of the cases) making incorrect turns or pulling out into traffic (so called "merging conflicts"). At least one of these (in January 2024) resulted in a physical assault, road rage, following a dispute about merging off of the Matalan Roundabout. These road rages can have a long-lasting effect on the victims including their ability to continue driving.*

*I am not going to list each of the injuries that effected drivers – I wanted to concentrate on cyclists – but I did want to give you a flavour of the types of injuries which arise from vehicles entering pulling in front of other vehicles often these are when two lanes go into one as drivers are eager to get to the front of a queue, these issues would not of course arise if the whole road was dualled. I did also want to say that one of these in October 2022 involved an unmarked police vehicle attempting to catch up with a suspect vehicle causing a loss of control and a second collision with the opposite kerb.*

*Before talking about cyclist and pedestrian injuries, I did want to point out that three of the vehicle crashes involved motorcycles. One in January 2023 and one in January 2024 knocked the motorcyclist off of their motorbikes; in the second event the offending car drive drove off without stopping. The other motorcyclist was fortunately at slow speed when a recovery truck with a car on the back collided with the rear of a motorbike.*

*Anyway, on to the effect on cyclists. The most serious injury was in June 2024 when a cyclist entered the carriageway to cross the A28 into the path of a car which hit them. There were less serious injuries but also from cyclists and pedestrians crossing the road when vehicles travelling at speed failed to look and avoid them. One pedestrian was wanting to cross Chart Road who was waved across by a driver, however a second vehicle was travelling in the second lane and collided with the pedestrian.*

*The other major issue for cyclist is at the Matalan roundabout. One cyclist in November 2022 was rear ended drove off, one in August 2023 involved a car exiting the access to Imperium Pest Control pulled out and collided with the cyclist. The final case I wanted to highlight was in November 2023 when a vehicle travelling from the direction of the Matalan Roundabout entered the roundabout, colliding with a cyclist and knocking them off of their bike, then drove off.*

*My point is that the road as currently designed is dangerous. The upgrading work is designed to deal with this creating safe crossing point and additional capacity on the new dual carriageway to allow safe passage for cyclist and pedestrian crossing points at Matalan roundabout and Loudon Way / Chart Road traffic signals and continuous shared footway / cycleways on both sides of Chart Road.*

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**From:** Paul Bartlett - MEM <[Paul.Bartlett@](mailto:Paul.Bartlett@)>  
**Sent:** 12 February 2025 15:26  
**To:** Kieran Doble - GT TRA <[Kieran.Doble@](mailto:Kieran.Doble@)>  
**Subject:** Re: Chart Road

Kieran,

Many thanks, much appreciated.

Kind regards

Paul

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**From:** Kieran Doble - GT TRA <[Kieran.Doble@](mailto:Kieran.Doble@)>  
**Sent:** 12 February 2025 15:17  
**To:** Paul Bartlett - MEM <[Paul.Bartlett@](mailto:Paul.Bartlett@)>  
**Subject:** RE: Chart Road

Hi Paul,

Our latest data runs up to 30/09/2024. Below is a screenshot of the crashes from the last 3 years (30/09/2021-30/09/2024) for the Matalan Roundabout and I'll put a bit of detail below for you. The yellow dot is a damage only report and the green dots are slight injuries. Some of the exact locations are a bit out, but I've tried to clarify the locations on my write ups:



#### Damage Only (1)-

08/03/2023- 1 vehicle- Lorry attempted to turn onto Chart Road but took a wrong turn, causing damage to the grass verge which it got stuck on.

#### Slight Injury (5)-

28/11/2021- 2 vehicle- One vehicle entering from the arm travelling from the Tank Roundabout direction pulled out in front of a vehicle already on the roundabout.

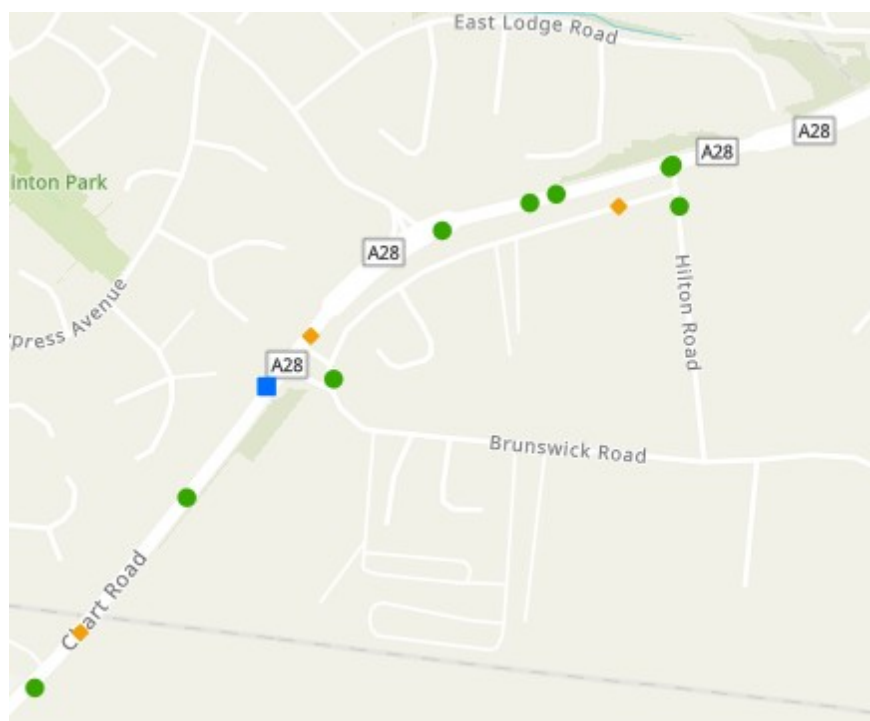
12/08/2022- 1 vehicle, 1 cyclist- Cyclist was crossing the road when a vehicle travelling at speed failed to look and avoid them.

21/10/2022- 1 vehicle- Unmarked police vehicle attempting to go around the roundabout to catch up with a suspect vehicle struck the kerbing on the roundabout causing a loss of control and a second collision with the opposite kerb.

22/08/2023- 1 vehicle, 1 pedestrian- Pedestrian wanting to cross Chart Road was waved across by a driver, however a second vehicle was travelling in the second lane and collided with the pedestrian.

07/09/2023- 2 vehicles- Leaving the roundabout travelling towards the Tank Roundabout, 2 vehicles were conflicting with each other trying to merge as the 2 lanes merge into 1. 1 vehicle then pulled across the other colliding with it.

Below is a screenshot of the collisions on the A28 between the Matalan Roundabout and Tank Roundabout. Again, the yellow dots are damage only, the green are slight injury, and the blue is serious injury. I've not included the 1 damage only and 2 slight injury collisions that are not on the A28 in my summary below:



#### Damage Only (2)-

25/05/2023- 1 vehicle- HGV has pulled out of Brunswick Road onto A28, mounted the kerb onto the grass verge, then driven into a lamppost knocking it over, and then driven off.

14/01/2024- 2 vehicles- Rear shunt and road rage incident including a physical assault due to a dispute about merging off of the Matalan Roundabout.

#### Slight Injury (7)-

15/01/2022- 2 vehicles- Rear end shunt travelling towards the Matalan Roundabout.

31/03/2022- 2 vehicles- Rear end shunt approaching the Matalan Roundabout from the Tank Roundabout direction.

24/05/2022- 2 vehicles- Vehicle waiting to pull out of Hilton Road was waved across by another driver, however it then collided with a second vehicle in the second lane.

18/01/2024- 2 vehicles- Rear end shunt whereby a car driver was dazzled by the sun and knocked a motorcyclist off of their motorbike at slow speed.

16/03/2024- 2 vehicles- Rear end shunt travelling in the direction of Tank Roundabout. Motorcyclist slowed almost to a stop due to a vehicle ahead turning into a junction, and a recovery truck with a car on the back collided with the rear of the motorbike.

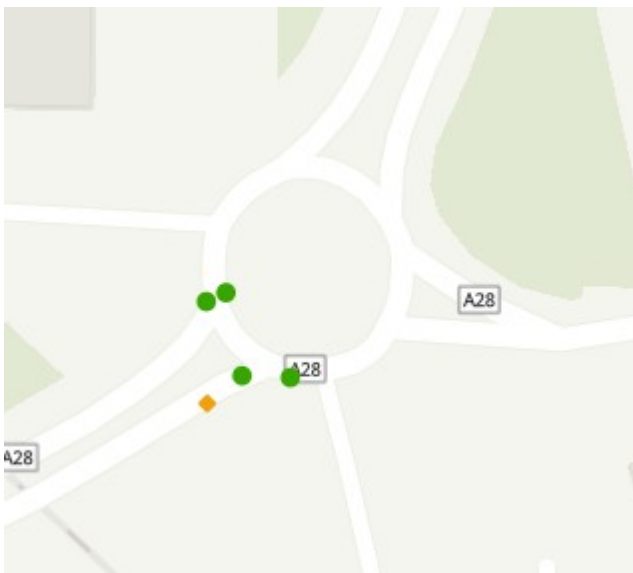
26/04/2024- 2 vehicles- Rear end shunt due to vehicles stopping at the traffic lights, and one driver being distracted on their phone and colliding with the vehicle ahead

30/05/2024- 2 vehicles- Vehicle pulled out of Hilton Road and t-boned a vehicle travelling from the Tank Roundabout, then drove off.

#### Serious Injury (1)-

14/06/2024- 1 vehicle, 1 cyclist- Cyclist failed to look and entered the carriageway to cross the road into the path of a car which hit them.

Below is a screenshot of the collisions on the Tank Roundabout:



#### Damage Only (1)-

10/02/2024- 2 vehicles- Merging conflict for 2 vehicles exiting the roundabout in the direction of the Matalan Roundabout and vehicles collided

#### Slight Injury (4)-

23/11/2022- 1 vehicle, 1 cyclist- Cyclist was on the roundabout when a vehicle travelling at speed entered travelling from the direction of the Matalan Roundabout and collided with the rear of the cyclist, then drove off.

20/01/2023- 2 vehicles- A motorcyclist was on the roundabout and a HGV pulled onto the roundabout and collided with the motorbike, knocking the rider off then driving off.

17/08/2023- 1 vehicle, 1 cyclist- Cyclist left the roundabout towards Matalan Roundabout, and a vehicle exiting the access to Imperium Pest Control pulled out and collided with the cyclist

29/11/2023- 1 vehicle, 1 cyclist- Cyclist was on the roundabout when a vehicle travelling from the direction of the Matalan Roundabout entered the roundabout, colliding with the cyclist and knocking them off of their bike, then drove off.

So in total there have been 4 damage only, 16 slight injury collisions, and 1 serious injury collision in the 3 year period. There seems to be a common theme of rear end shunts and vehicles not giving way to motorcyclists and pedal cyclists.

I hope this information helps. If you need anything more, please let me know.

Many Thanks,

**Kieran Doble**

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**Sent:** 12 February 2025 11:00  
**To:** Kieran Doble - GT TRA <[Kieran.Doble@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:Kieran.Doble@[REDACTED])>  
**Subject:** Chart Road

Hi Kieran,

I plan to speak at the s106B planning appeal next Wednesday in support of the Borough Council contesting the changes to the planning agreement. I plan to cover safety issues on Chart Road between the Matalan and Tank roundabout as a regular cyclist and pedestrian.

Can you email me the crash data for this section of Chart Road in support of my argument?

Kind regards

Paul

Member for Ashford Central  
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